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From the President's Desk David Adcock, KA4KKF

It's hot, hot, hot. August is here and it is hot. This month we have several activities for you. August 6 there are 2 event that need your help, Dacula's Centennial parade in Dacula on Saturday, and Run for Life, a 5K and 10K @ Kennesaw State University. Also at the end of the month, we have the dog show fund raiser. Call Earl, af4fg for the parade or Win, n1twx for the run, and Dan, kf4ysu for the dog show.

Have you gotten the August QST? If so, look under HAPPENINGS page 64. The article is "Get Involved in the Good Things in Amateur Radio!". If you don't get QST, pick up a copy from a buddy or buy one at HRO.

The best way to get it is to join the A.R.R.L. You can also sign up for free email forwarding service and the section manager report plus other reports on contest and events. The web site has other interesting subjects to explore.

APRS, are you involved? There are 2 sites that you need to visit. If you are just starting or an old timer visit these sites and catch up on the new stuff.

http://web.usna.navy.mil/~bruninga/aprs/fix14439.html
http://webs.lanset.com/wa8lmf/DigiPaths/index.htm

The big buzz now is the cw requirement for a license may finally be pulled. This does not mean the death of cw, just a test requirement. CW will be around as long as there are people that like to operate in that mode. There are people today that operate in AM mode. How long has that been an antique mode. CW may become the mode of choice for a lot of people because of its simplicity. As for keeping the so called riffraff out of the hobby, we don't want to keep people out. We want to bring people in and teach them how to be good operators and enjoy the hobby and provide a service to the community. It is the responsibility of the clubs to make sure that people understand what amateur radio is about and what we can do.

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July Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2005 - Minutes

David Adcock KA4KKF, Club President, opened the business portion of the meeting at 8:32pm local. This was after a presentation on QRP by Ken Evans W4DU

Treasurer's report – Dan KF4YSU – Highlighted the end of year report for 2005 and the budget for next year.

Membership report – Bill WB4WTN – three new members were nominated for membership.

KG4ONJ Mike Barr

KT4WN Roosevelt Allen

WA4BJC Bob Krohn joined with his family

Norm WA4ZXV motioned for approval and these memberships were approved.

Repeater report – David KA4KKF gave highlights in Eddie's WD4JEM absence.

We will be getting a new controller that will offer more remote links, Echolink, different announcements based on time and date. This same controller is currently being used by Atlanta Radio Club. This is just the first of a long range plan to upgrade equipment.

We need a work party to help clean up and mow at the repeater site. Perhaps after a Saturday breakfast soon.

Venture Crew 73 – presented a plaque to the club with the re-charter.

Susan AF4FO – presented Norm Schklar WA4ZXV as the new Public Information Coordinator for the Georgia Section.

Mike K4HBI – had various pieces of equipment that he was offering free to a good home.

Ray KI4GRJ – is looking for suggestions for this year's Tech Fest. He also is in need of assistance with signage. Please contact him at Ray@sback.org

Announcements -

Sept 14 – Wed 7-9pm at Central Gwinnett High School – Technician classes will begin. Maybe Extra if interest.

Aug 26, 27, 28 – The annual Dog Show. Ask Dan KF4YSU for info about this important fundraising event.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

ARRL Contest Calendar

August

6 - 7ARRL UHF Contest

20 - 21 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest

September

10 - 12 ARRL September VHF QSO Party

17 - 18 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest

November

5 - 7 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)

19 - 21 ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)

December

2 - 4 ARRL 160 Meter Contest

10 - 11 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

GARS Apparel

Several items of clothing that feature our Club logo and/or your call sign are available to Club members. These items include polo shirts, sweat shirts, caps, jackets and other articles. Call sign badges can also be ordered. See Dan Keohan, KF4YSU, at the next Club meeting for a listing of items and their associated costs.

President from page 1

Clubs provide an environment for hams to get together and share ideas and have fun, train each other. Clubs depend on its members to make things happen. Events and demos are but a few things we do. Public service is another and a big one right now. What can you do for Amateur Radio? What can you do for GARS?

Well, its time to close and I'll ask again. GARS is looking for a newsletter editor. We need someone to put the GARZETTE together every month. Contact Norm wa4zxv if you want more information about the job.

See you at the next meeting .

See you on the air.

73 till next time

Executive Committee Meeting

All interested individuals are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly Executive Committee Meeting. Presently, these gatherings occur one hour in advance of the regular Club Meeting. The location is in a classroom immediately near the Club meeting space.

Several years ago these Ex. Comm. meetings were instituted for the purpose of saving more time in our Club meetings for "radio talk" verses the business of the Club. To that end, they have been successful. However, some members enjoy ALL aspects of the Club, and as such, are encouraged to come, participate, share insights and opinions! We will all be benefited by the sharing of ideas & experience.

For the latest Club news, visit the GARS Website:

http://www.gars.org

Field Day 2005



GARS Elmers

Many of us, Hams, got interested in the hobby (service) as a result of some influence an experienced Ham had on us. The GARS organization is blessed with a lot of talented members that are willing to share their knowledge. The following list is made up of those individuals willing to serve as Elmers. Hopefully, this list will grow, and in time, maybe we'll get more who are willing to add a particular area of expertise.

KF4KSE David Moon (770) 279-9924 mobile radio installation

KG4IUM Andrea Hartlage (770) 963-2715 making QSL cards

KG4FXG, Bill Carter, (770) 339-4531 Mobile CW

WA4DYD, Stan Edwards (770) 923-8770 Emergency Communications

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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N1TWX Win Jackson (404) 869-1347

W4WKP Johnnie Fearon

WB2YAD Duane Reynolds

WB9JSW, Carl Plotz

K4MJK Mike Kovak

K4CB Carter Bennett (770) 923-5446

K4HBI Mike Swiderski (770) 449-0369

W8KJM, Barney Barnes (APRS)

If you'd like to be a GARS Elmer, please email the editor of the Garzette wa4zxv@schklar.com

For better looking graphics, be sure to view the Garzette on the web site. You'll find it under the Garzette section then in the archives.

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Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

<u>First Tuesday</u> Kennehoochee ARC

First United Methodist Church in Marietta Meeting begins at 7:30 PM Talk In 146.880(-)

<u>Second Monday</u> Georgia Tech ARC

Room W218 Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg. Georgia Tech Campus Meeting at 7:00 PM

<u>First Thursday</u> Atlanta Radio Club

Georgia Red Cross HQ 1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta Meeting is at 7:30 PM Talk In -146.820(-)

N.E. Georgia ARC

Commerce Public Library Meeting is at 6:30 PM Talk In - 147.225(+) PL 123.0

<u>Second Thursday</u> Alford Memorial Radio Club

Annistown Road Baptist Church Intersection of Annistown Rd & Spain Rd

Stone Mountian Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM Talk In - 146.760(-)

<u>Third Thursday</u> North Fulton Amateur Radio League

Southern Skillet 1037 Alpharetta St., Roswell Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM Talk In - 145.47(-)

<u>First Saturday</u> North GA QRP Club

Wieuca Baptist Church on Peachtree Rd/Wieuca, 10 AM

Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at www.arrl-ga.org

First Saturday, Even Months

9:00AM EOC Building Butch Nitz, AF4FS (770) 968-8780

First Wednesday
7:00 PM
ARRL/VEC
Roberts School
4681 School Street,
Acworth
Jodi Escher AG4BK
770-387-1591

Second Tuesday

7:00PM Walton EMC 3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA (770)498-7759

Second Saturday, Odd Months

ARRL VEC 8:30 AM Stone Mountain Methodist Church 5312 West Mountain St. Stone Mountain Bob Varone, W4ETN (770)978-3179

Third Saturday

CA VEC 9:00AM Marietta First United Methodist Church Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave Marietta David Still, WB4RRD (770) 973-2566

Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC 7:00 PM United Way Service Center 6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville

Third Sunday

W5YI VEC 3:00 – 5:00 PM St. John Neumann Church 801 Tom Smith Road Lilburn Headphones Provided! Howie Gould, W9HG (770)921-8362

Fourth Sunday

2:30 PM
Georgia Tech Student Center
Room 301
David Ziskind, KE4QLH
(404) 966-6864

GARS Communication System

6 Meter Repeater

53.110 (-1 MHz) 82.5 PL Tone

2 Meter Repeater

147.075(+) MHz 82.5 PL Tone

70 Cm Repeater

444.525(+) MHz 82.5 PL Tone

APRS

144.390 -- 1200 Baud W4GR/Relay Main Repeater Site
Oak Street, Lawrenceville
Backup Repeater Site
Lanier Mountain, Snellville
Remote Receive Sites
Bogan Road, Buford
Goshen Springs Road, Norcross
Lanier Mountain, Snellville



Dacula Celebrates 100 Years

Members of GARS were asked to support the Dacula Parade on August 6. The parade was much smaller than the Memorial Day event, but still a great showing of community pride.

Earl Whatley, AF4FG—Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV
David Adcock, KA4KKF—Dave Bruse, W4DTR
Doug Kregel, KB6RRX were on hand to help.
Thanks for all the help!









AREA HAMFEST INFO

August 13

Ellijay Amateur Radio Society,

Elijay, GA

August 20-21

Huntsville Hamfest Association

September 17

Paulding Amateur Radio Club,

Dallas, GA

November 5-6

Alford Memorial Radio Club,



Do you know a boy or girl 14 to 21 years old who wants to:

- Climb, hike, canoe, camp
- Talk on an amateur radio
 - Have Fun?



Tell them about **Venture Crew 73**

We meet the first Tuesday of each Month, 7:30PM at Prospect United Methodist Church Youth room.

For more information Visit www.gars.org/crew73

or contact Ray Back: Email <u>crew73@gars.org</u> Phone (678) 380-1728

DACULA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The only metro Atlanta Memorial Day parade is held each year in Dacula and once again GARS played an active role in making this event a successful tribute to America's veterans. This parade is the brainchild of Marvin Atherton, KG4FHB, who enlisted the club's help for the 12th year to provide communications and get the parade participants lined up. In spite of the rain, 16 club members successfully performed a complex task and over 350 participants and more than 200 vehicles started on time.

This year marks the 60th anniversity of the invasion of the Pacific island of Iwo Jima and the parade's Grand Marshall was Jay Fiscus, a Marine veteran of that decisive battle. His vehicle was preceded by three color guards; Hebron Baptist Church veterans, the Georgia State Defense Force and the Civil Air Patrol. Following him was the Marine Corp League, Georgia Detachment #952, manning a float deplicting the flag raising on Iwo Jima, US submarine veterans, the American Legion and other veterans. Hundreds of people lined the parade route to honor these and others who have defended our country.

GARS can be proud of their contribution to this Gwinnett County tradition. In addition to honoring our country's veterans we have provided a valuable service to our community and we had fun doing it. Special thanks are due all those who helped out this year.

David Adcock	KA4KKF			
Steve Back	WB2OGY			
Ray Back	KI4GRJ			
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Charlie Richards				
Win Jackson	N1TWX			
Eary Whatley	AF4FG			

GARS and Gold Rush Earl Whatley, AF4FG

Actions have consequences, but when the result doesn't immediately follow the action we don't always realize that our efforts have been of benefit to us or our community. GARS needs to know that some of our past activities have had produced some very positive results.

The Gold Rush Jamboree was a biannual event held at Sandy Creek Park in Athens. Over 5000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders set up camp for a weekend and invited visitors to join them in their events. Those events were organized by volunteers and organizations to provide healthy, fun and educational activities. GARS was invited to be one of those organizations and we outdid ourselves. In the last two Gold Rush Jamborees over 20 GARS members set up an event that rivaled field day. A Yagi antenna mounted atop a portable tower marked the exhibit area where Scouts were introduced to radio in general and amatuer radio in particular.

There were computers set up with radio related quizes and games and there was a four foot CW key for a left foot Morse code contest. One year there was a balloon mounted camera transmitting amatuer television from the activity field to the exhibit area. Another year there was a fox hunt that combined amatuer radio and a map/compass course. A two meter rig was used for local communication and there were as many as five HF rigs offering scouts the opportunity to talk to hams around the world. It was a big hit with the scouts and especially with the scout leaders.

If success is measured by the immediate results then GARS was very successful indeed. The BSA Northeast Georgia Council was so impressed that they awarded special recognization to us. GARS members and Scouts had fun and Scouts talked about it for months. But we are only learning now of other results. Our event sparked an interest in radio in several young men. At least six boys were interested enough to earn their license as a result of their exposure to amatuer radio at Gold Rush. Two of those got their dads interested (both dads are scout leaders) and at least one other adult leader got his ticket.

It's had a snowball effect. Ten years ago, several adult scout leaders who are also hams tried to count the number of scouts and leaders in the Northeast Georgia Council who had their ticket. We could only identify 19. Today there are over 100 including several in our own Crew 73 and that doesn't count the ones who earned their ticket but are no longer actively involved in scouting.

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We will probably never know all of the consequences of GARS' actions at Gold Rush and other scout events but I think we can say that they were benificial for all concerned. It doesn't stop here of course. We've been invited to participate in a Cub Scout event this fall at Scoutland and we're making plans for a JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) station(s) again this October. As fasinating as amatuer radio is to us it is even more so to scouts and I can't wait to introduce it to them.







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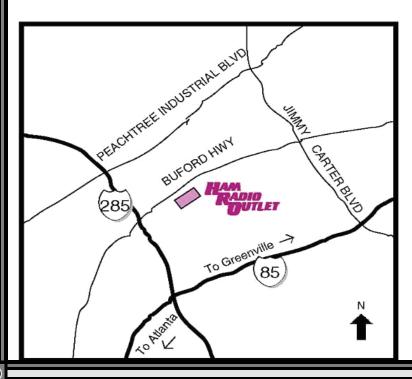
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Meetings are on the **Second Tuesday** of the month 7:30pm at the St Marguerite D'Youville Church, 85 Gloster Rd NW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044.

Just off Highway 29 SW of Lawrenceville (directions)

August 9th Meeting!

Hear about Andrea's Space Camp Adventure

September 13th Meeting:

Fire Safety from Gwinnett Fire Services

Cherokee Rose Cluster Dog Show When: August 26, 27, 28 2005

We need your help to make this a success!

GARS and Gwinnett ARES provide directing the parking and collecting parking fees for the Cherokee Rose Cluster Dog Show. There is usually a donation for these services, and this is shared between GARS and Gwinnett ARES.

The dog show is just off the Jonesboro Rd Exit from 285. Go East at the exit and take a left at the first intersection. The facility is called the Atlanta Expo Center South, 3850 Jonesboro Road, Atlanta, GA 30354.

Shifts are from 6am to 10am and 10am to 2pm. There are shifts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The on-site frequency is 146.505, or the clubs portable repeater. The site is out of range of the GARS repeater. We need about 15 members per shift. To sign up for the dog show event, please contact Dan (kf4ysu@arrl.net) or David (ka4kkf@arrl.net) or sign up at the next club meeting. This is a very significant event for our club's budget, so it is important to provide the services expected.



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www.arrl.org
/forms/member_general-99.html





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2005 Calendar

Please help keep our calendar current by sending updates and additional events to the editor

Aug 9 Meeting

Aug 19-21 Dog Show (Fund Raiser)

Sep Kidney Foundation Walk

Sep 13 Meeting

Oct Jamboree on the Air

Oct Fly-in

Oct 11 Meeting

Oct 20 Berkeley Lake School Demo

Nov 5-6 Alford Memorial Hamfest

Nov 8 Meeting

Dec Party

Area Hamfests

13 Aug 2005 + Ellijay Amateur Radio Society http://www.qsl.net/w4hhh/

17 Sep 2005 + Paulding Amateur Radio Club http://www.pauldingarc.com

5-6 Nov 2005 * Georgia Section Convention/ Stone Mountain Hamfest & Computer Expo Alford Memorial Radio Club http://www.totr-radio.org

GARS Recurring Calendar

- Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Check the Web Site for Location.
- Every Monday at 8 PM local time: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 2 meter repeater
- Every Wednesday at 9 PM local time: GARS 6 meter net on the GARS 6 meter repeater
- Every Saturday at 8AM local time: GARS Weekly Family Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville
- 15th of each month: Deadline for submittal of articles for the following month's GARZETTE



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Next Meeting

August 9

Come Join us for another interesting meeting of GARS

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